

ABSTRACT

The invention concerns process embodiments and associated apparatus for greatly facilitating assembly of fabric or sheet-like materials into a finished item. The basis for the process is the mounting of the fabric or sheet-like material onto a mounting means with a repositionable adhesive. Various marks, cuts and perforations can be produced onto the mounting means which will serve as guides to multiple operations during the assembly process. Perforations or score marks can serve as guides to sew a seam, and then the mounting means torn away around the seam. Other marks can serve as guides for folding or trimming for example. The result is a process to greatly simplify and speed up assembly. Another embodiment facilitates precision decoration of fabric or sheet-like materials, through the use of strategically placed perforations and/or slits. The perforation pattern will guide decoration operations such as embroidery, and the adhered pattern can then be removed by tearing along the perforations.